

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 326 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Lipsey and Lemmons, III.

**Chairman Drolet** laid **HB 5294** before the committee:

HB 5294	Hune	Land use; zoning and growth management; zoning ordinance violations for cities and villages; establish grace period and limit fines.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Mark Meadows**, Mayor of the City of East Lansing, testified in opposition to the bill.

**Robert Owen**, representing the City of East Lansing, testified in opposition to the bill.

**Representative Gosselin** moved to adopt the substitute (**H-1**) to **HB 5294**. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-1**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representative Tobocman.

**TESTIMONY**

**Jeff Hudgins**, a rental property owner in the City of East Lansing, testified in support of HB 5294.

**Representative Hune**, sponsor of HB 5294, HB 5295 and HB 5296, explained his bills to the committee.

**Fred Krebs**, representing himself, testified in support of the bill.

**Lee Schwartz**, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Adrian Cazal** of Muchmore Harrington Smalley & Associates, representing the Michigan Housing Council, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Kenneth Cole** of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc., submitted a card in opposition to the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Representative Garfield** moved to report **HB 5294** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-1**). The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-1-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield and Sheen,

Nays: Representative Tobocman,

Pass: None.

**Chairman Drolet** announced that the committee would take testimony on the subject of blight and eminent domain.

**TESTIMONY**

**Patrick Wright**, representing the Mackinac Center, testified on blight and eminent domain.

**Andrea Brown**, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Planning, testified on blight and eminent domain.

**Jeff Hudgin**, a rental property owner in the City of East Lansing, testified in support of protecting property rights of private citizens.

**Chairman Drolet** laid **HB 5295** before the committee:

HB 5295	Hune	Land use; zoning and growth management; zoning ordinance violations for counties; establish grace period and limit fines.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Mark Meadows**, Mayor of the City of East Lansing, testified in opposition to the bill.

**Adrian Cazal** of Muchmore Harrington Smalley & Associates, representing Michigan Housing Council, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Lee Schwartz**, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Kenneth Cole** of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc., representing the City of Detroit, submitted a card in opposition to the bill in concept and did not wish to speak.

**Representative Garfield** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 5295**. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-1**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield and Sheen,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Tobocman.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to report **HB 5295** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-1-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield and Sheen,

Nays: Representative Tobocman,

Pass: None.

**Chairman Drolet** laid **HB 5296** before the committee:

HB 5296	Hune	Land use; zoning and growth management; township zoning ordinance violations; establish grace period and limit fines.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Mark Meadows**, Mayor of East Lansing, testified in opposition of the bill.

**Kenneth Cole** of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc., representing the City of Detroit, submitted a card in opposition to the bill in concept and did not wish to speak.

**Adrian Cazal** of Muchmore Harrington Smalley & Associates, representing Michigan Housing Council, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Lee Schwartz**, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Representative Gosselin** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 5296**. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-1**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield and Sheen,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Tobocman.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to report **HB 5296** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-1-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield and Sheen,

Nays: Representative Tobocman,

Pass: None.

**Representative Tobocman** moved to adopt the minutes of the **November 1, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Representative Tobocman** moved to excuse absent members. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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**Representative Leon Drolet, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Government Operations**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
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1 Hour 24 Minutes